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Personal statement

This laboratory focuses on understanding the molecular basis of organelle stress and its relationship to pathological conditions affecting the nervous system, and the development of prototypic therapies to prevent this damage. Our laboratory is committed to the study of cellular strategies involved in adaptation to chronic endoplasmic reticulum (ER) stress. The ER has important cellular functions, highlighting its role as sophisticated machinery for protein folding and secretion. ER stress engages an integrated signaling pathway known as the "Unfolded Protein Response" (UPR), which aims to restore homeostasis. Nevertheless, the mechanisms that control the transition from an adaptive state to cell death processes remain unknown and is a central subject of our research. We are currently developing a systematic approach to underscore the effects of targeting the UPR in several brain diseases involving protein misfolding using genetic manipulation of the pathway in mouse models in addition to develop gene therapy strategies to alleviate ER stress. Our laboratory is one of the most productive groups in Chile and supported by various national and international organizations.

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

07/11-present	HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases <i>Adjunct Professor</i>	BOSTON, USA
07/11- present	UNIVERSITY OF CHILE <i>Deputy Director,</i> Biomedical Neuroscience Institute	SANTIAGO, CHILE
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09/09- 2012	UNIVERSITY OF CHILE <i>Principal Investigator</i> FONDAP Center for Molecular Studies of the Cell	SANTIAGO, CHILE
11/08- 2010	UNIVERSITY OF CHILE <i>Principal Investigator</i> Millennium Nucleus for Neural Morphogenesis (NEMO)	SANTIAGO, CHILE
01/07- 03/10	UNIVERSITY OF CHILE Assistant Professor and Principal Investigator Institute of Biomedical Sciences	SANTIAGO, CHILE
01/07- 09/09	UNIVERSITY OF CHILE <i>Associate Investigator</i> FONDAP Center for Molecular Studies of the Cell	SANTIAGO, CHILE
05/08-07/11	HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases Adjunct Assistant Professor	BOSTON, USA
08/05-12/07	HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases Postdoctoral Research Fellow Regulation of the Unfolded Protein Response in the CNS. Advisor: Laurie H. Glimcher, M.D.	BOSTON, USA
08/04-08/05	DANA-FARBER CANCER INSTITUTE HOWARD HUGHES MEDICAL INSTITUTE HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL Department of Cancer Immunology & AIDS Postdoctoral Research Fellow Regulation of apoptosis by the BCL-2 protein family. Advisor: Stanley Korsmeyer, M.D.	BOSTON, USA
01/02-07/04	SERONO PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH INST. Department of Neurobiology PhD. In Biomedical Sciences , doctoral thesis: "The role of the Unfolded Protein Response and Endoplasmic Reticulum Stress in Prion-related disorders". Advisor: Claudio Soto, Ph.D.	GENEVA, SWITZERLAND
03/00-12/01	UNIVERSITY OF CHILE Faculty of Medicine, Institute of Biomedical Sciences Residence of Ph.D. Study of Fas signaling in lymphoid cells involved in non-apoptotic cell death. Advisor: Andrew Quest, Ph.D.	SANTIAGO, CHILE
03/95-03/00	UNIVERSITY OF CHILE Faculty of Sciences Degree of Molecular Biotechnology Engineer. Degree thesis: "Cytotoxic mechanism of the bacterial forming-channel Microcin E492 in human carcinoma cells". Advisors: Rosalba Lagos, Ph.D. and Maria R. Bono, Ph.D.	SANTIAGO, CHILE

HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2015	KIA International Award (KIA) Laureate, first place, for invaluable achievements and contributions to the development of science and technology. In addition, this price was accompanied by an UNESCO special award .
2014	Selected by the LatinAmericanScience.Org and <i>Qué Pasa</i> magazine as one of the 30 more influencing scientist in Latin America.
2014	Target Validation Award, Michael J Fox Foundation for Parkinson Research, USA.
2014	Frick Foundation Award, Switzerland. Received one of the two international arads for ALS research.
2012	Awarded with the FEBS Anniversary Prize of the Gesellschaft für Biochemie und Molekularbiologie. IUBMB & FEBS meeting, Sevilla, Spain.
2012	Awarded with a gift from the Christopher Reeve Spinal Cord Injury and Paralysis Foundation, USA.
2011	Young investigator Awards, North American Spine Society , USA.
2010	Selected by the Latin-American Science Academy to represent Chile in the IAP Young Scientists Conference organized in conjunction with the World Economic Forum in China.
2009	Selected on a study form the Ministry of Economy of Chile as one of the successful stories in innovation and Science in Chile.
2008	Awarded with the Young Scientist Prize TWAS-ROLAC from the Latin-American Science Academy for the best young scientist in the region and the Caribbean.
2008	The Eppendorf & Science Prize for Neurobiology , selected finalist by the editors of Science magazine as outstanding young scientist.
2008	Awarded with the " Cell Biology Society and Bios-Chile prize " as the best young scientist of Chile.
2008	Angel Fund Junior Investigator Award for Outstanding Research, Sporadic Neurodegeneration: Genes, Environment and Therapeutic Strategies. Boston, USA.
2008	Member of The Cell Biology Society of Chile.
2007	Selected by the newspaper "El Mercurio" as one of <i>the 100 Chilean young leaders 2007</i> .
2007	Awarded with a High Q Foundation Discovery Initiative Research grant
2004-2007	Damon Runyon Cancer Research . Research fellowship for postdoctoral training in Stanley Korsmeyer's laboratory at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA.
2004-2007	Cancer Research Institute. Research fellowship for postdoctoral training in Stanley Korsmeyer's laboratory at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA (withdraw of candidature to accept previous fellowship).
2003	Member of the Society of Neuroscience, USA.
2003	Herman Neimeyer Medal , Chilean Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Recognition as the best Ph.D. student in Biomedical Sciences of Chile, 2003.
2002-2004	Federal Swiss Confederation Scholarship for Ph.D. thesis at Serono Pharmaceutical Research Institute, Geneva, Switzerland.
2002	CONICYT fellowship (Chilean Government) for Ph.D. studies.
2001	Traveling Fellowship from the I.C.B.M., University of Chile, to perform a research steady at the Institute of Biochemistry, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, and at N.C.I, Washington, USA
2000-2001	Fundación Andes fellowship for Ph.D. studies in Biomedical Sciences.
2000	Honor with Maximum Distinction and fist degree in generation 2000, Molecular Biotechnology Engineer, University of Chile.

PUBLICATIONS, REVIEWS, EDITORIAL COMMENTS, AND BOOK CHAPTERS

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4. Garcia-Huerta P., Rivas A., **Hetz C.** (2015) Stressing out the ER in aminoglycoside-induced hearing loss. **Cell Death Dis**. 14;6:e1762. **Editorial comment**. ^{*,#}
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11. Torres M., Matamala J.M., Duran-Aniotz C., Cornejo V.H., Foley A., **Hetz C.** (2015) ER stress signaling and neurodegeneration: At the intersection between Alzheimer's disease and Prion-related disorders. **Virus Res**. pii: S0168-1702(14)00523-1. ^{*,#}
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CURRENT RESEARCH SUPPORT NATIONAL

- NAME: Chilean government funding agency FONDECYT.
TITLE: The UPRosome: novel regulatory checkpoints and physiological outputs.

ROLE: **Principal investigator**. ID: FONDECYT # 1140549. ID: FONDECYT. Project ranked **number one** in the study section. 2014-2017.

- NAME: Chilean government, Millennium Scientific Initiative (Program grant).
TITLE: Biomedical Neuroscience Institute (BNI). ID: P09-015-F.
ROLE: **Deputy Director**. 2011-2016.
- NAME: Chilean government funding agency FONDEF.
TITLE: UPRplus: A novel gene therapy to treat Parkinson's disease.
ROLE: **Principal investigator**. ID: D1111007. 2012-2015.
- NAME: Ring Initiative, Chile.
TITLE: Neuronal network initiative: Understanding selective neuronal vulnerability in neurodegenerative diseases. ROLE: **Associate investigator**. ID: ACT1109
ID: ACT1109. 2013-2015.
- NAME: CONICYT-Cooperation grant Chile-EEUU
TITLE: GENE THERAPY STRATEGY TO TARGET THE UNFOLDED PROTEIN RESPONSE IN ALS.
ROLE: **Principal investigator**. ID: USA2013-0003. 2013-2016.
- NAME: Fundacion COPEC-UC.
TITLE: Identification of neuroprotective compounds from Chilean endogenous plants.
ROLE: **Principal investigator**. 2014-2015.

INTERNATIONAL

- NAME: The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, USA TITLE: Targeting the ER stress sensor PERK for the treatment of Parkinson's disease. Role: **Principal Investigator**. ID: Target Validation grant. 2014-2015.
- NAME: Muscular Dystrophy Association, USA.
TITLE: A role of ER stress in wild-type SOD1 misfolding: A model for sALS?
Role: **Principal Investigator** and project manager. ID: # MDA218655. 2012-2015
- NAME: ALS Therapy Alliance, USA.
TITLE: Defining the function of protein Disulfide Isomerases in ALS
Role: **Principal Investigator**. 2012-2015
- NAME: Alzheimer's Association, USA
TITLE: Defining the role of the Unfolded Protein Response in Alzheimer s Disease
ROLE: **Principal Investigator**. 2012-2014.
- NAME: Awarded with a gift from Christopher Reeve Spinal Cord Injury and Paralysis Foundation, USA
TITLE: targeting ER stress in Spinal Cord Injury
ROLE: **Principal Investigator**. 2015.
- NAME: Frick Foundation, Switzerland. TITLE: Defining the contribution of ER proteostasis disturbances to ALS. Role: **Principal Investigator**. ID: Target Validation grant. 2015-2016.

PAST RESEARCH SUPPORT

- NAME: Chilean government funding agency FONDECYT.
TITLE: Defining the contribution of the disulfide isomerase ERp57 to the pathogenesis of Prion-related disorders. ROLE: **Principal investigator**.

ID: FONDECYT # 1100176. Project ranked **number one** in the study section. 2010-2014.

- NAME: FONDEQUIP
TITLE: Cellomics: An automatized platform for high throughput microscopy with biotechnological potential.
ROLE: **Principal investigator**. ID: EQM120164. 2012
- NAME: The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, USA
TITLE: Targeting the unfolded protein response (UPR) transcription factor XBP1 to alleviate neurodegeneration triggered by alpha-synuclein
Role: **Principal Investigator**. ID: Target Validation grant. 2012-2013.
- NAME: North American Spine Society (NASS), USA
TITLE: Defining the role of the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) stress and the UPR in spinal cord injury
Role: **Principal Investigator**. ID: Research grant. 2011-2012.

NAME: CHDI Foundation, Inc, Research Grant, USA
TITLE: Defining the role of the Unfolded Protein Response in Huntington's disease in vivo.
ROLE: **Principal Investigator**. 2008-2010.

NAME: The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, USA
TITLE: Targeting the Unfolded Protein Response (UPR) transcription factor XBP-1 to treat Parkinson's
Role: **Principal Investigator**. ID: Target Validation grant. 2010-2011.

NAME: Alzheimer's Association, USA
TITLE: Defining the role of the Unfolded Protein Response in Alzheimer's Disease
ROLE: **Principal Investigator**. ID: NIRG-10-173294. 2010-2012.

NAME: FONDAP (Program grant)
TITLE: FONDAP Center for Molecular Studies of the Cell (CEMC)
ROLE: **Principal investigator**. ID: FONDAP #15010006. 2007-2012.

NAME: Chilean government, Millennium Scientific Initiative (Program grant).
TITLE: Millennium Nucleus for Neural Morphogenesis (NEMO).
ROLE: **Associate investigator**. ID: Nucleo Milenio # P07-048-F. 2009-2011.

NAME: Muscular Dystrophy Association, USA.
TITLE: Targeting Autophagy for the removal of mutant SOD1 in ALS.
Role: **Principal Investigator**. ID: # MDA10036. 2008-2010

NAME: FONDECYT Chile
TITLE: The tumor suppressor activity of Caveolin 1 is associated with an inhibition of the UPR
ROLE: **Co-investigator**. ID: FONDECYT.# 1090071. 2009-2013.

NAME: GENZYME, USA.
TITLE: Targeting BECLIN-1 to modulate autophagy mediated degradation of mutant SOD1 and other disease related misfolded proteins.
ROLE: **Principal investigator**. SOURCE: Sponsored Research Agreement. 2010-2011.

NAME: ICGEB, International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology. Italy.
TITLE: Role of the Unfolded Protein Response (UPR) in tumor suppression by caveolin-1.
Role: **Principal Investigator**. 2009-2011. ID: # CRP/CHI08-03. 2009-2011.

NAME: Chilean government funding agency FONDECYT.
TITLE: Regulation of the Unfolded Protein Response (UPR) by the stress sensor IRE1 α and its role in neurological disorders. ROLE: **Principal investigator**.

SOURCE and ID: FONDECYT # 1070444. **Project Ranked number one** in the study section. 2007-2010.

NAME: The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, USA
TITLE: A role of the UPR in Parkinson's disease
Role: **Principal Investigator**. 2008-2009.

NAME: High Q Foundation, discovery initiative, USA
TITLE: A role of Endoplasmic Reticulum Stress in Huntington's Disease.
ROLE: **Principal Investigator**. 2007-2008.

NAME: National Parkinson Foundation, USA
Title: Defining the contribution of endoplasmic reticulum (ER) stress in Parkinson's disease.
Role: **Principal Investigator**. 2008-2009.

NAME: GENZYME, USA.
TITLE: Targeting Autophagy for the treatment of Protein Conformational Disorders affecting the nervous system. ROLE: **Principal investigator**. 2008-2009.

NAME: Chilean government funding agency FONDECYT.
TITLE: Regulation of neuronal apoptosis by Abl in Alzheimer's disease. ROLE: **Co- investigator**. PI: Alejandra Alvarez (Catholic University of Chile). ID: FONDECYT # 1080221. 2008-2012.

REVIEWER or EDITOR

- Invited reviewer for *Science*, *Cell*, *Nature*, *Nature Communication*, *Nature Cell Biology*, *Science Translational Medicine*, *Science Signaling*, *PLoS Biology*, *PLoS One*, *The EMBO Journal*, *Journal of Neuroscience*, *Molecular Cell*, *Cell Death and Differentiation*, *Apoptosis*, *Cell Metabolism*, *Proceeding of the National Academy of Science USA*, *The FASEB Journal*, *Cell Death and Disease*, *European Journal of Neuroscience*, *Cellular Microbiology*, *European Journal of Cell Biology*, *Human Molecular Genetics*, *EMBO Reports*, *Journal of Neurochemistry*, *Leukemia Research*, *Experimental Gerontology*, *Journal of the American Society of Nephrology*, *Biological Research*, *Oncogene*, *Neuroscience Letters*, *Brain research*, *Journal of the American Society of Nephrology*, *BBA - Biomembranes*, *Cells*, *Antioxidant and Redox Signaling*, *Cellular and Molecular Life Sciences*, *ACS Chemical Neuroscience*, and *Current Molecular Medicine*.
- External reviewer for the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau (HWFB) of the Hong Kong Government.
- Editor special editor *Current Opinion Cell Biology* 2011
- Associate Editor of the *Current Molecular Medicine*
- Editor of E-book series. *Bentham Science Publishers*.
- Editor of book from *Bioscience Publishers*.
- External reviewer for Chilean government's grant agency FONDECYT.
- External reviewer for Wellcome Trust/DBT India Alliance
- External reviewer Alzheimer's Association, USA.

THESIS ADVISOR

(i) Post-doctoral fellows

Dr. Soledad Matus (2007-2012); Dr. Danny Galleguillos (2008-2009); Dr. Rene Vidal (2008-2013); Dr. Andrea Paula (2007-2010; co-advisor); Dr. Karen Castillo (2008-2013); Dr. Gonzalo Encina (2009-2011); Dr. Ute Woehlbier (2010-2014); Dr. Gabriela Mercado (2011-present); Danilo Bilches (2012-present); Diego Rojas (2012-present); Nestor Guerrero (2012-present), Claudia Duran (2013-present); Pablo Mardones (2013-present); Paula Huerta (2014-present); Gabriela Martinez (2014-present).

(ii) PhD students

A. Thesis under development (Ph.D. candidates) or finished:

- **Diego Rojas**. (2008-2012) "TMBIM3/GRINA: A Gene regulated by the response misfolded proteins (UPR) which inhibits apoptosis through modulation of calcium homeostasis". *Ph.D. in Biochemistry, University of Chile*. **Awarded as Best PhD thesis of Chile, Allende and Connelly Foundation, Chile 2013.**
- **Clara Quiroga** (2006-2010) "Role of protein HERP and its post-translational modifications in cell death induced by stress of the endoplasmic reticulum". *Ph.D. in Biochemistry, University of Chile*. (co-advisor).
- **Melissa Calegaro** (2007-2012) "Mechanism of the increased autophagy levels in a model of familial amyotrophic lateral sclerosis: interaction between mutant SOD1 and Beclin-1/Bcl-2 autophagy regulatory complex". *PhD. Biomedical Sciences, University of Chile*. (Finished)
- **Pamela Valdés** (2008-2013) "Pathological effect of endoplasmic reticulum stress in Parkinson's disease". *PhD. Cellular and Molecular Biology, University of Chile*.
- **Mauricio Torres** (2007-2013) "Role of the disulfide isomerase ERp57 in the pathogenesis of Prion-related disorders". *PhD. Biomedical Sciences, University of Chile*.
- **Gabriela Martínez** (2010-2014) "Role of XBP1 on NMDA receptor transport regulation through KIF 17". *Ph.D Biomedical Sciences, University of Chile*.
- **Maria Inés Díaz** (2008-present) "Role of the response to misfolded proteins in the activity of suppressor protein caveolin-1". *Ph.D. in Biochemistry, University of Chile*.
- **Fernanda Lisbona** (2010-present)." RECS1 study the role of a BI-1 orthologue in the regulation of autophagy" *Ph.D Farmacology, University of Chile*. **Awarded with the Loreal Woman in Science Price (2011) and the RELAB Prize (2012).**
- **Victor Hugo Cornejo**, 2011-present. "Role of the UPR in Alzheimer's disease". *PhD in Biomedical Sciences, University of Chile*.
- **Hery Urra** (2011-present). "Role of IRE1 in cell migration". *PhD. Biomedical Sciences, University of Chile*.
- **Estephania Dufei** (2012-present) Role of the UPR in DNA damage responses. *PhD. Biomedical Sciences, University of Chile*.
- **Vicente Valenzuela** (2012-present). Gene therapy to target ER stress in ALS. *PhD. Biomedical Sciences, University of Chile*.
- **Alexis Martinez** (2012-present). Role of Abl-c and ER stress in ALS. *PhD in Cellular and Molecular Biology, P. Catholic University of Chile* (Co-mentored with Dr Alejandra Alvarez).

B. PhD. Thesis projects under preparation:

- **Philippe Pihan** (2012-present) *PhD. Biomedical Sciences, University of Chile*.
- **Maritza Oñate** (2013-present). *PhD in Neurosciences, P. Universidad Católica de Chile*.
- **Denisse Sepulveda** (2013-present). *PhD. Biomedical Sciences, University of Chile*.

(ii) Master's students

A. Thesis under development or finished:

- **Peter Thielen (2010-2011)**: Master in Biotechnology, Harvard University, USA. Awarded with the Dean's Prize for Outstanding ALM Thesis.
- **Vicente Valenzuela** (2009-2010) "Role of the Endoplasmic Reticulum Stress and the Unfolded Protein Response in Locomotor Recuperation in Spinal Cord Hemisected Mice". *Master in Biological Sciences, Faculty of Sciences, University of Chile*.
Awarded as Best Master's thesis of Chile, Chilean Cell Biology Society, Chile 2012.
- **Fernanda Lisbona** (2007-2008) "BAX Inhibitor-1 negatively regulates stress sensor IRE1 alpha". *Master in Biological Sciences, Faculty of Sciences, University of Chile*.
- **Andrés Henriquez** (2009-2012) "Determination of the Impact of the composition of particulate matter air in their lung toxicity". *Master in Biological Sciences, Faculty of Sciences, University of Chile*.
- **Maritza Onate** (2011-present) "The role of the unfolded protein response in axonal regeneration after sciatic nerve injury". *Master in Biological Sciences, Faculty of Sciences, University of Chile*.

- **Valentina Castillo** (2013-present) *Master in Biological Sciences, Faculty of Sciences, University of Chile.*
- **Leslie Bargsted** (2013-present) *Master in Biological Sciences, Faculty of Sciences, University of Chile.*

B. Master thesis projects under preparation:

- **Pablo Rozas** (2014-present). *Master in Biological Sciences, Faculty of Sciences, University of Chile.*

(iv) Undergraduate Students

- **Sebastian Zamorano** (2007-2009) "Characterization of a new way of apoptosis essentially independent of BAX, BAK AND cyclophilin D". *Molecular Biotechnology Engineering, Faculty of Science, University of Chile.*
- **Andrés Henriquez** (2007-2009) "Implementation of a method for evaluating the toxicological response caused by the atmospheric particulate matter using rats as a model study". *Molecular Biotechnology Engineering, Faculty of Science, University of Chile.*
- **Vicente Valenzuela** (2008-2009). "Characterization of the Activation of the Unfolded Protein Response by Spinal Cord Hemisection in Mice". *Molecular Biotechnology Engineering, Faculty of Science, University of Chile.*
- **Amparo Zuleta** (2010-2011) "Using adeno-associated viral vectors to study the impact of the transcription factor XBP-1 in a mouse model of Huntington's Disease". *Molecular Biotechnology Engineering, Faculty of Science, University of Chile.*
- **Catherine Andreu** (2011-2012) "Effect of ERp57 deficiency in the central nervous system of a murine model" *Molecular Biotechnology Engineering, Faculty of Science, University of Chile.*
- **Leslie Bargted** (2012-2013) "characterization of new transgenic model of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, possible alteration of endoplasmic reticulum homeostasis induced protein TDP-43 in its mutant form". *Molecular Biotechnology Engineering, Faculty of Science, University of Chile.*
- **Valentina Castillo** (2012-2014) "Modulating effect ERp57 in survival of dopaminergic neurons in the pharmacological mouse model of Parkinson disease". *Molecular Biotechnology Engineering, Faculty of Science, University of Chile.*
- **Camila Gherardell** (2013) "Role of BCI1 in the control of autophagy. *Biotechnology, Universidad Mayor.*
- **Miguel Gonzalez** (2014-present) "Role of BCI1 in the control of autophagy. *Biotechnology, Universidad Mayor.*

(v) Current unit of investigation.

Martin Sepulveda, Molecular Biotechnology Engineer, University of Chile.
Fernando Pasten, Biochemistry, University of Chile.

(vi) Current staff and laboratory technicians with degree of Biochemistry or Biology

Vanessa Valledares (Assistant), Daniela Concha (lab manager), Javiera Ponce (Veterinary) Natalia Muñoz, Sandra Espinoza, Claudia Lucero, and Carolina Jerez (lab tech).

(vi) International rotation students.

- **Andrew Foley** (2014). Post-Baccalaureate Researcher Franklin and Marshall College, USA
- **Oriane Fracchia** (2014). Master in Aging and Longevity at University Pierre and Marie Curie, Paris, France.
- **Cynthia Lefevbre** (2013). Master in Aging and Longevity at University Pierre and Marie Curie, Paris, France.
- **Santeri Kiviluoto** (2012). PhD in Cell Biology. Dept. Cellular and Molecular Medicine, Leuven, Belgium.

SELECTED TEACHING EXPERIENCE

-Professor seminar course at the Ph.D. on Biomedical Sciences: (i) Mechanism of adaptation to Cellular Stress and (ii) Protein Misfolding Disorders.

-Invited professor to different courses at the Ph.D. program in Biomedical Sciences, PhD on Biochemistry, PhD in Medical Sciences, PhD on Molecular and Cellular Biology and Neuroscience, University of Chile:

Invited Professor also at PhD programs at Andres Bello University, Universidad de Concepción, Universidad Austral de Chile, and the P. Catholic University of Chile.

SELECTED SYMPOSIA PARTICIPATION

Hetz C. 2013 Protein folding stress in neurodegenerative disease: an interplay between ER stress and autophagy. **Seminar UGent – VIB Ghent**, Belgica. January 13-22.

Hetz C. 2013. Novel function of the UPR transcription factor XBP1 in the regulation of learning and memory “**FASEB Science Research Conference: From Unfolded Proteins in the ER to Disease**”. Vermont, USA. June 16-21. Speaker.

Hetz C. 2013. Mutations in protein disulfide isomerases contribute to the development of ALS. **10th Calreticulin workshop**. Alberta, Canada. April 10-13. Speaker.

Hetz C. 2013. The Unfolded Protein response (UPR) in neurodegenerative diseases. **Seminar guess speaker University of Alberta**. Edmonton, Canada. April 8-9. Speaker.

Hetz C. 2013. The IRE1 interactome: fine tuning of UPR signaling. **Gordon Research: Stress proteins in growth , development & disease**. Vermont, USA. July 7-12. Speaker

Hetz C. 2013 “Targeting the unfolded protein response transcription factor XBP1 to alleviate neurodegeneration triggered by alpha-synuclein.” **M.J.Fox Foundation final assessment grant meeting** New York, USA. August 7-11

Hetz, C. 2013. Protein folding stress in neurodegenerative disease: an interplay between ER stress and autophagy. **Neurotoxicity society meeting: Mechanisms of neurodegenerative disorders**. Valdivia, Chile. March 21-24. Speaker

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